कंपनी से रेल इंजन खरीदने का निषेध किया है; यदि हां, तो रेल मंत्रालय को इस आशय के आदेश कब जारी किये गये;

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त समिति ने इस खरीद का निषेध करने के कोई कारण/आधार बताए हैं; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार समिति द्वारा निषेध करने के बावजूद ए०बी०बी० से ही रेल इंजन खरीदेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी नहीं,

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) अंतिम निर्णय पर रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है।

Women bus conductors in DTC

420. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women bus conductors recruited by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of the above are still on conductor duty; and

(c) what extra facilities they are enjoying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The number of women bus conductors recruited by DTC during the last three years is given as under:—

1989	—	21
1990	—	11
1991	—	—
	TOTAL:	32

(b) All of them are still on conductor duty except twe who have resigned from the service *ol* D.T.C.

(c) They are not enjoying any extra facilities and they are performing their duty in the normal hours.

Women bus conductors in DTC

421. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women conductors on Delhi Transport Corporation buses in 1975 and in 1991 respectively;

(b) whether there is any decline in their number; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) 1975 — Nil 1991 — 35

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Modernisation and Diversification of Ports in Eastern Region

422. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for modernisation and diversification of ports in the Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A provision of Rs. 1873.33 crores has been made tentatively in 8th Plan 1992-97 and Rs. 298.04 crores in Annual Plan 1992-93 for development projects aiming at modernisation and diversification of major ports at Calcutta, Paradip, Vizag and Madras as per the details given below:—